

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
July 21, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Prange led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Brewer led us in the Lords Prayer.

Members Present: Councilman Fountain, Councilman Thompson,
Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Hackman,
Councilman Reedy, Councilman Murphy, Councilman
Prange

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers,
Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting as amended. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Council President Fountain made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor requested additional monies from the Capital Improvement Bond in the amount of \$14,800.00 for Structures #28 (1,500.00), #29 (1,900.00), #30 (1,600.00), #39 (4,000.00), #40 (1,200.00), #43 (2,300.00), #44 (2,300.00). Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Surveyor Jerry Tracy submitted an additional request in the amount of \$400.00 from the Surveyors Cornerstone Fund. The monies are to be used to attend seminars. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Reedy made a motion to waive the third reading of the Additional Appropriation requests and approve as on the second reading. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Council President Fountain made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner Mike Weir submitted an Emergency Transfer request in the amount of \$1,218.00 to be transferred from 1-26-112 (Secretary Overtime) to 1-25-114 (Part Time Help). Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange made a motion to waive the third reading of the Emergency Transfer requests and approve as on the second reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Theresa Miller with Advocates for Children appeared before Commissioners informing them that state funding has increased to \$42,130.69. In order for the organization to receive this funding the county must match this amount. Court Appointed Advocates Lynn Montgomery and Dr. Robert Schmielau were in attendance and explained the roles of the CASA volunteers. When questioned as to the reason for the increase of monies from the state, Mrs. Miller stated that she could not explain at this time but will make an effort to find out. Judge Bruce MacTavish also explained the important role the CASA volunteers. Councilwoman Hackman questioned how monies were distributed to the counties. Mrs. Miller stated that efforts are made to distribute monies to the county from which it came. Councilman Brewer stated that he would like to look at Jackson County implementing its own program and compare costs. Judge MacTavish will work with Theresa on getting figures together for a cost comparison.

Tom Hallow appeared before Council requesting approval of a tax abatement for real estate. Mr. Hollow employs one full time employee and two part time at his confined feeding operation. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Council President Fountain led the discussion on the replacement of the inventory tax with an increase in CEDIT. Councilman Thompson stated that all of this came about due to actions taken by the state. Councilman Thompson stated that although he does not feel that waiting to see what the state does is a good idea he still fears that anything done locally could cause problems in the future. Councilman Fountain agreed that this is a problem that should be dealt with but he is not sure it can be done on the county level.

Council set budget hearings as follows: 1) Departments to present budgets on **September 15, 2010** beginning at 8:00 AM. 2) Budget Hearing on **September 29th**, 2010 beginning at 8:00 AM. 3) Budget adoption hearing on **October 20**, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman presented the Jail Monthly Report for June 2010. The Sheriff also gave an update on Canine Control.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader presented the Monthly Report for June 2010.

Judge Bruce MacTavish stated that it is a real value to Jackson County to have the Juvenile Detention Center. The facility is a safe and secure place for juvenile placement.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel gave a brief update on the Paving Program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Andy Fountain – President

Debra Eggeman - attest

